AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for securing access to a data medium said method comprising:

recording a unique identification number assigned to each medium in at least a portion of a data library; ~~and~~

commanding at least one selected data transfer element in said library to only accept media having particular ones of said identification numbers; and

ejecting a medium from a data transfer element in response to said identification number not being one of said particular ones of said identification numbers.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step further comprising:

clearing a previous list of allowed identification numbers for each data transfer element.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step further comprises:

reading said identification numbers of said media.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step further comprises:

listing said identification numbers of media in memory storage of said at least one selected data transfer elements that said at least one selected data transfer elements is to be allowed to access.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said recording step further comprises:

entering identification numbers of media said at least one selected data transfer elements is allowed to access in memory storage of said at least one selected data transfer elements.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

reading said identification number of said medium during transport of said medium from a medium storage element slot to one of said data transfer elements.